

Senate File 2197 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2197
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 168)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the establishment of a task force related
2 to special education support for students at nonpublic
3 schools.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — SPECIAL EDUCATION
2 SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AT NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS — TASK FORCE.

3 1. The department of education shall convene and provide
4 administrative support to a special education task force that
5 shall study and make recommendations regarding how to better
6 serve students enrolled in nonpublic schools who receive
7 special education services, especially those students who
8 reside in rural areas of the state.

9 2. The task force shall consist of the following members:

10 a. A director of special education of an area education
11 agency.

12 b. A chief administrator of an area education agency.

13 c. A representative of an accredited nonpublic secondary
14 school.

15 d. A representative of an accredited nonpublic elementary
16 school.

17 e. A special education director of a school district.

18 f. A superintendent of a school district.

19 g. An attorney employed by the department of education who
20 is familiar with the state and federal laws governing special
21 education.

22 h. The chief of the special education bureau of the
23 department of education, or the chief's designee.

24 i. An attorney who is familiar with the state and federal
25 laws governing special education and who is not employed by the
26 state or a political subdivision of the state.

27 j. A parent or guardian of a student who is enrolled in a
28 nonpublic school, receives special education services, and who
29 resides in a rural area.

30 k. A parent or guardian of a student who is enrolled in a
31 nonpublic school, receives special education services, and who
32 resides in an urban area.

33 3. The task force shall submit a report, including findings
34 and recommendations for policy changes, to the general assembly
35 by December 1, 2022.

1 EXPLANATION

2 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
3 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

4 This bill provides for the establishment of a task force
5 related to special education support for students at nonpublic
6 schools.

7 The bill requires the department of education to convene
8 and provide administrative support to the task force. The
9 bill establishes the composition of the membership of the task
10 force. Additionally, the bill requires the task force to study
11 and make recommendations regarding how to better serve students
12 enrolled in nonpublic schools who receive special education
13 services.

14 The bill requires the task force to submit a report that
15 includes findings and recommendations for policy changes to the
16 general assembly by December 1, 2022.